

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Savitsky, Dave Jennings and Bill Wicks

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the September 19, 2011 Township Meeting, Dave Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Joanne reviewed the financial reports and the bills. **Mo. by Savitsky, 2nd by Wicks to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

Hickory Ridge Sewer: Solicitor MacGregor said that he has been in contact with Dave Gromelski and Mike Donahoe and is getting copies of agreements from other involved municipalities. Mike Savitsky and Dave Gromelski attended a meeting with the South Abington Board of Supervisors. Hopefully the contracts will be in place within the next 90 days.

Opening of Bids for the Township Roof Project: Two bids were opened for the Township Roof Project. MHW Construction Bid \$19,415 for the Base Project, \$26,450 for the 1st Alternate, \$32,730 for the 2nd Alternate. Jack Mangon's General Contracting bid \$16,800 on the Base Project, \$19,500 on Alternate 1 and \$24,000 on Alternate 2. **Bill Wicks motioned to award the contract to Jack Mangon General Contracting contingent on review by Architect Tim Aikman, Township Engineer Jack Scheuer and Solicitor MacGregor. The Supervisors reserve the right to choose the option they would like to go with. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in favor.**

Rennie/Lewis Subdivision: No action taken. Joanne stated that the deed descriptions and waiver of preliminary hearing were received.

David Northup Subdivision: No action taken.

Committee Reports

Police: No report.

Roads: Joanne read the report left by Road Master Mennig. The road crew has been cutting and chipping overhanging branches on Fords Pond Rd, Glenview Rd and Seamans Street. They have done pothole patching as needed and have been cleaning up intersections and gravel along road edges after the storm damage of Sept. 28 and 29. More cutting and chipping is planned for the bottom of old trail road alongside of Route 6.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel said that the Little League received the DEP planning exemption. There has been a holdup on the testing for the Jeff Northup property due to all the rain. The Krieger situation is under control and Malcolm stated that a court conference will be held with the judge this coming Wednesday. Walter said that Paul Coleman had a collapsed tank replaced.

Code Enforcement: No Report.

Planning: No Report

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there will be a meeting this Thursday at the Clarks Summit Borough Building at 7pm.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm reported that an Action Memo has been received from the EPA. They plan to continue chemical injections. EPA feels that the injections are improving the situation. A meeting with EPA and DEP will be scheduled for November to discuss the action plan. The cost of the plan is \$3,500,000. Dave Jennings stated that he was pleased to see that some additional wells were added in locations that had green discharge containing hex chrome a few years back. He also stated that the EPA refused to have the foundation removed and the underlying contamination cleaned up. The EPA also did some sampling on Dave's property and low levels of hex chrome were found. He will forward the results to Malcolm.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm has forwarded all of the required information on the demolition to the County. It is now in their hands.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy reported that there is a meeting scheduled for the end of the month. He thinks they may be electing officers. He also mentioned the possible need for an additional Ordinance from the Township.

Building and Caboose Maintenance: Bill Wicks asked solicitor MacGregor how to handle the roof options provided for in the bidding process. As suggested by Solicitor MacGregor, an **amendment to the original motion was made by Supervisor Wicks stating that the cost range of the project would not be less than \$16,800 and not more than \$24,000. Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

Police Contract: Supervisor Savitsky stated that Waverly wanted to charge \$40 per person annually for police coverage based on a census of 1246. The Township has been pleased with Waverly's service but in doing due diligence needs to look at other options. Dalton has been approached and expressed interest in making a proposal. South Abington is cost prohibitive as is having our own force.

New Business:

Railroad Communications Tower: Malcolm described the history of the tower starting in 2002. At that time it was decided that a tower would be better off placed in Nicholson. In the past few weeks the Railroad has moved in equipment and left phone messages saying they were putting a 150 foot communications tower on Waterford Road. Tom Wicks saw them moving equipment in and called Malcolm. A stop work order was issued and Railroad (RR) personnel met with Malcolm and Mike at the Township Building. A letter describing legal authority was sent to the Township. There is a Federal Mandate for the communications tower. Malcolm is doing research into this and has reached out to the FCC for information. Tom Wicks pointed out that the 150 foot fall zone for the tower may not be being met in the current planned location. The supervisors will have the RR plans reviewed by Township Engineer Jack Scheuer. Malcolm stated that the Railroad was open to alternative sites. He is also looking into any gray areas that may exist in the legalities of the situation. Malcolm and Mike stated that it was good that residents came out to the meeting to question the need for the Tower. Nancy DeLosRios asked if email updates could be sent around. Joanne will email Nancy status at delosriosfam@epix.net and she will coordinate mailing it to the concerned neighbors. Ken Miller asked if other devices can be attached to the tower and Malcolm said yes. He also asked about spacing between towers. Malcolm said that he has asked the RR for an updated map to show tower locations. Mark Colombo asked about case law and Malcolm said that it varied by district. Malcolm stated that the RR will probably come back and ask for an alternative site. If there isn't one, then they might have legal issues to pursue.

Announcements:

Joanne stated that the Glenburn 7th Annual Art Show, “The Creative Spirit”, opening was a success and invited meeting attendees to enjoy the artwork and vote for their favorite piece.

Public Input: Tom Artley and Nancy Hannon addressed the board about recurring water problems they have been having due to water run off in heavy storms. The Township had unsuccessfully approached PennDOT in the past to replace an 18 inch pipe with a larger pipe to take the runoff away from Mr. Artley’s property and had even offered to buy the larger pipe. Tom has been flooded at least 7 times in recent years and repairs are very costly. Tom has met with Tom Opalka and Bill White from PennDOT. Although they wanted to be of help, he was told that if the water didn’t run over the road, there was nothing PennDOT would do to remedy the situation. Malcolm stated that Township Engineer Jack Scheuer had agreed in the past that the pipe was too small. Nancy Hannon added that the run off from Edwards Avenue needed to be slowed down and diverted. She had 9 feet of water in her basement with the most recent storms and the run off is eroding the foundation of her home. Joanne stated that Ken Maciak from Representative Kavulich’s office was supposed to be in touch with Mr. Artley. The supervisors agreed to send a letter to the state and PennDOT asking for relief from the situation. Mike stated that they will have the engineer look at the site again. Tom Artley also said that the ditch behind his property has been filled in and needs to be opened up again to allow for drainage.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm and Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer